INFRINGEMENT

PRELIMINARY STATEMENT

- 1. Musical compositions are intellectual property and, in the case of "hit" compositions, highly valuable intellectual property. United States law grants copyright owners certain exclusive rights to that property, including the right to authorize others to perform publicly their music. *See* 17 U.S.C. § 106.
- 2. Terrestrial radio companies perform musical compositions to drive listenership which, in turn, drives advertising and other forms of revenue. Before performing publicly copyrighted compositions, however, terrestrial radio companies must obtain authorization to do so.
- 3. When a terrestrial radio company performs a musical composition without obtaining the necessary advanced permission, it acts in violation of federal copyright laws. When that terrestrial radio company had been offered *five* separate opportunities to license the public performances, *declined* all of the opportunities, paid *nothing* for the performances, and *still* performed *hundreds* of compositions *10,000 thousand times*, then it acted *willfully* in violation of federal copyright laws.
- 4. Defendant Entravision is a willful copyright infringer. By way of this Complaint, plaintiff Global Music Rights seeks to hold Entravision accountable for its willful infringements.

JURISDICTION AND VENUE

- 5. This is a suit for copyright infringement under the United States Copyright Act of 1976, as amended, 17 U.S.C. § 101, *et seq*. (the "Copyright Act"). This Court has jurisdiction pursuant to 28 U.S.C. § 1331 and 28 U.S.C. § 1338(a).
- 6. This Court has personal jurisdiction over Entravision because, among other things, Entravision's principal place of business is in the State of California and in this judicial district, Entravision regularly conducts or has conducted business in the State of California and in this judicial district, and Entravision has

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caused injury to Global Music Rights within the State of California and in this judicial district.

Venue is proper in this judicial district pursuant to 28 U.S.C. § 7. 1400(a), and 28 U.S.C. § 1391(b).

PARTIES

- Performance Rights Organizations, or "PROs" as they are known in 8. the music industry, represent songwriters and publishers in licensing the public performances of copyrighted music. For decades, there were only three PROs— ASCAP, BMI, and SESAC—which collectively represented (and continue to represent) more than tens of thousands of composers and 20 million compositions that are available for public performance.
- 9. Founded in 2013, Global Music Rights is the fourth PRO overall and the first new PRO in the United States in more than 70 years. Global Music Rights represents an elite roster of roughly 80 premium songwriters and associated publishers, including Bruce Springsteen, Bruno Mars, Drake, Pharrell Williams, John Lennon, and The Eagles, in licensing the public performances of their copyrighted music (the "Global Music Rights Compositions"). These songwriters and publishers have granted Global Music Rights the right to license to others the Global Music Rights Compositions. Global Music Rights has the right to license their works, collect applicable license fees for performances of those works, remit payments, and enforce the intellectual property rights in court if necessary.
- 10. Global Music Rights is a Delaware limited liability company with its principal place of business at 1100 Glendon Avenue, Suite 2000, Los Angeles, California 90024.
- 11. Entravision is a Delaware corporation with its principal place of business at 2425 Olympic Boulevard, Santa Monica, California 90404.
- 12. Entravision is a sophisticated media company that operates scores of radio stations across the United States and reports annual revenues of nearly \$300

million. During the relevant period in this case, Entravision owned radio stations including but not limited to: KDLD-FM, KLYY-FM, KSSE-FM, KFRQ-FM, KOFX-FM, KXKL-FM, KIMN-FM, and KVLY-FM.

13. Some of Entravision's radio stations perform Global Music Rights Compositions and, since at least 2017, these Entravision stations have performed Global Music Rights Compositions without obtaining a license in violation of copyright laws.

THE COPYRIGHTED WORKS

- 14. Beginning as late as January 1, 2017 (and possibly earlier) and continuing through the present, radio stations owned by Entravision have publicly performed Global Music Rights Compositions without obtaining a license and without paying for their performances. Exhibit A identifies the Global Music Rights Compositions that are currently the subject of this lawsuit. Radio stations owned by Entravision performed publicly these Global Music Rights Compositions *more than 10,000 times*.¹
- 15. Each of the Global Music Rights Compositions listed on Exhibit A was registered with the United States Copyright Office and complied in all respects with the requirements of the Copyright Act. Certificates of Registration have been granted for each of those works.
- 16. The owners of each work listed on Exhibit A each possess public performance rights in the Global Music Rights Compositions. Those owners have granted to Global Music Rights the exclusive third-party right to license to others the right to perform publicly the Global Music Rights Compositions.
- 17. For each infringement listed on Exhibit A, Entravision and/or radio stations owned by Entravision did not have a valid license, authorization, permission, or consent to perform publicly the Global Music Rights Compositions.

¹ Global Music Rights reserves the right to amend its complaint based on further investigation and/or information learned in discovery.

- 18. Also, radio stations owned by Entravision may have performed publicly without authorization and, therefore, intentionally infringed other Global Music Rights Compositions that are not identified on Exhibit A and for which they may be liable under the Copyright Act.
- 19. Entravision's infringement of each Global Music Rights Composition is governed by the same legal rules and involves similar facts and, thus, litigating them together promotes the administration of justice and avoids a multiplicity of separate, similar actions against Entravision.

ENTRAVISION'S INTENTIONAL INFRINGEMENT

- 20. Entravision-owned radio stations have infringed the Global Music Rights Compositions thousands of times. Entravision had the legal obligation to ensure that its radio stations obtained authorization to perform the Global Music Rights Compositions before the stations publicly performed the Global Music Rights Compositions. Entravision did not obtain the necessary authorization, making the calculated decision instead to infringe freely and hope Global Music Rights would either not find out or not enforce its rights.
- 21. Entravision is aware and knows that the public performance of copyrighted musical compositions on its radio stations without a valid license would constitute copyright infringement. According to its website, "Entravision Communications Corporation is a leading global media company" with an "expansive portfolio . . . comprised of television, radio, and digital properties and data analytics services." *See* http://www.entravision.com/ investor-info/ (last accessed on October 2, 2019). Entravision "owns and operates 49 . . . radio stations featuring nationally recognized talent." *Id.* As a media company of this size, Entravision is well-versed in matters of licensing and copyright infringement and understands fully its obligation to obtain a performance rights license before performing copyrighted works on its radio stations.

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vision made a willful, calculated, and strategic decision not to obtain prior authorization to perform publicly the Global Music Rights Compositions and hope that Global Music Rights would not find out or would choose not to enforce its rights. On multiple occasions between January 2017 and March 2019, Global Music Rights offered Entravision the opportunity to license

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² Available at https://www.nytimes.com/2013/09/05/business/media/irving-azoffstarts-new-entertainment-business.html (last accessed October 2, 2019).

³ Available at https://www.billboard.com/articles/business/6188942 /pharrell-to-leave-ascap-for-irving-and-grimmets-global-music-rights (last accessed October 2, 2019).

⁴ Available at https://www.billboard.com/articles/business/7654288/prince-globalmusic-rights-gmr-performance-licensing-deal (last accessed October 2, 2019).

Global Music Rights Compositions for public performance and warned Entravision that its stations were not authorized to perform publicly the Global Music Rights Compositions unless Entravision secured and paid for a license:

- a. The first written proposal from Global Music Rights to Entravision was in January 2017. It stated: "Global Music Rights has agreed to offer a 9-month . . . license to [Entravision] . . . If you choose to enter into this . . . license, stations owned by Entravision Communications Corp . . . may publicly perform Global Music Rights's repertory" Entravision did not respond, did not submit a signed license, and did not pay Global Music Rights any money.
- b. In March 2017, Global Music Rights sent Entravision another communication, stating: "We write to follow up on our attempts to contact you concerning your radio station group and Global Music Rights compositions. Global Music Rights offered [a] . . . license to radio station groups seeking to use Global Music Rights compositions To date, we have not received a signed agreement or payment from you. Accordingly, you are not authorized to perform Global Music Rights compositions." Entravision did not respond, did not submit a signed license, and did not pay Global Music Rights any money.
- c. In August 2017, Global Music Rights sent Entravision another communication, stating: "Global Music Rights is . . . offering [a] 6-month license . . . If you choose to enter into this . . . license, stations owned by Entravision Communications Corp may publicly perform Global Music Rights's repertory." Entravision did not respond, did not submit a signed license, and did not pay Global Music Rights any money.
- d. In February 2018, Global Music Rights sent Entravision another communication, stating: "Global Music Rights is . . . offering [a] 6-

month license . . . If you choose to enter into this . . . license, stations owned by Entravision Communications Corp may publicly perform Global Music Rights's repertory." Entravision did not respond, did not submit a signed license, and did not pay Global Music Rights any money.

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- 24. Entravision did not respond to any of the communications and did not obtain authorization to perform the Global Music Rights Compositions.

 Nevertheless, stations owned by Entravision performed publicly more than 130 Global Music Rights Compositions, over 10,000 times, at a minimum.
- 25. The stations that performed the Global Music Rights Compositions without authorization profited handsomely from the use of the intellectual property. In each of 2017 and 2018 Entravision reported net revenues in excess of \$60 million for its radio stations.

CLAIM FOR RELIEF

COUNT I

(Direct Copyright Infringement – Public Performance)

- 26. Global Music Rights incorporates herein by this reference each and every allegation contained in paragraphs 1 through 25 above.
- 27. The copyrights to the Global Music Rights Compositions have been registered with the United States Copyright Office.
- 28. Global Music Rights has the exclusive third-party right to authorize others to publicly perform the Global Music Rights Compositions.
- 29. Entravision has infringed the copyright interests in the Global Music Rights Compositions by performing the Global Music Rights Compositions on its radio stations without authorization, in violation of the Copyright Act, 17 U.S.C. §§ 106 and 501.
- 30. Entravision's acts of infringement are willful, intentional, purposeful, and in disregard of and indifferent to the rights of Global Music Rights and those of the songwriters it represents.
- 31. As a direct and proximate result of Entravision's willful and infringing uses of the Global Music Rights Compositions, Global Music Rights is entitled to maximum statutory damages of \$150,000 for each copyright infringed, or actual damages and Entravision's profits in amounts to be proven at trial, and/or such other amount as may be proper under 17 U.S.C. § 504(c).
- 32. Global Music Rights is further entitled to recover its attorneys' fees and costs pursuant to 17 U.S.C. § 505.
- 33. As a result of Entravision's acts and conduct, Global Music Rights has sustained and will continue to sustain substantial, immediate, and irreparable injury, for which there is no adequate remedy at law. Global Music Rights is informed and believes, and on that basis avers, that unless enjoined by this Court, Entravision will continue to infringe Global Music Rights's rights in the Global

1	Music Rights Compositions. Global Music Rights is entitled to permanent
2	injunctive relief to restrain and enjoin Entravision's continuing infringing conduct.
3	JURY DEMAND
4	34. Plaintiff demands trial by jury on all issues so triable.
5	PRAYER FOR RELIEF
6	WHEREFORE, Global Music Rights requests that the Court enter judgment
7	in its favor and against Entravision as follows:
8	a) That Entravision has violated Section 501 of the Copyright Act (17
9	U.S.C. § 501);
10	b) Require Entravision to pay maximum statutory damages in an amount
11	not less than \$150,000 per Global Music Rights Composition as
12	permitted in 17 U.S.C. § 504(c), or pursuant to 17 U.S.C. § 504(b),
13	Global Music Rights's actual damages plus Entravision's profits from
14	infringement, in an amount to be proven at trial, and such further
15	damages as permitted by applicable law;
16	c) That Entravision, its agents, servants, employees, and all persons
17	acting under its permission and authority, be preliminarily and
18	permanently enjoined and restrained from infringing, in any manner,
19	the Global Music Rights Compositions, pursuant to 17 U.S.C. § 502;
20	d) That Entravision be ordered to pay costs, including reasonable
21	attorneys' fees, pursuant to 17 U.S.C. § 505; and
22	e) Such other and further relief as the Court may deem just and proper.
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EXHIBIT A

2 GLOBAL MUSIC RIGHTS COMPOSITIONS INFRINGED BY ENTRAVISION

No.	Composition Title	U.S. Copyright Registration Number
1.	CATCH MY FALL	PA0000214888
2.	AGAINST THE WIND	PA0000074189
3.	BEAUTIFUL LOSER	EU0000565028
4.	FEEL LIKE A NUMBER	PA0000131458
5.	FIRE DOWN BELOW	PA0000135530
6.	FIRE LAKE	PA0000058403
7.	HER STRUT	PA000074937
8.	HOLLYWOOD NIGHTS	PA0000131455
9.	KATMANDU	EU0000565029
10.	MAINSTREET	PA0000135529
11.	NIGHT MOVES	PA0000135531
12.	ROCK AND ROLL NEVER FORGETS	PA0000135532
13.	STILL THE SAME	PA0000044251
14.	SUNSPOT BABY	EU0000725043
15.	TRAVELIN' MAN	EU0000565030
16.	TURN THE PAGE (LIVE BULLET)	EU0000386404
17.	WE'VE GOT TONITE	PA0000131459
18.	YOU'LL ACCOMP'NY ME	PAu000123327
19.	ROLL ME AWAY	PA0000170542
20.	BORN TO RUN	EU616322
21.	BLINDED BY THE LIGHT	EU0000376180
22.	BORN IN THE U.S.A.	PAu000634797
23.	BRILLIANT DISGUISE	PAu001023407
24.	COVER ME	PAu000372038
25.	DANCING IN THE DARK	PAu000610205
26.	FIRE	PA000002445
27.	GLORY DAYS	PAu000634801
28.	HUNGRY HEART	PAu000149052
29.	I'M ON FIRE	PAu000634793
30.	MY HOMETOWN	PAu000634798
31.	PINK CADILLAC	PAu000497022
32	ROSALITA (COME OUT)	EU467944
33.	TENTH AVENUE FREEZE-OUT	EU616319
34.	THE RIVER	PAu000149051
35.	THUNDER ROAD	EU616320
36.	TUNNEL OF LOVE	PAu001023402
37.	SPIRIT IN THE NIGHT	EU376181
38.	LIGHT OF DAY	PA0001245565
39.	HUNGER STRIKE	PA0000563394

1	No.	Composition Title	U.S. Copyright Registration Number
2	40.	SAY HELLO 2 HEAVEN	PA0000563402
3	41.	DYSTOPIA	PA0002065923
	42.	RIDE THE LIGHTNING	PA0000260105
4	43.	DESPERADO	EU399849
5	44.	LAST RESORT	PA0000045157
	45.	LYIN' EYES	PA0000016335
6	46.	ONE OF THESE NIGHTS	PA0000016327
7	47.	TEQUILA SUNRISE	EP326574
/	48.	THE LONG RUN	PA0000046173
8	49.	BOYS OF SUMMER	PA0000239432
	50.	BETTER MAN	PA0000663649
9	51.	JEREMY	PA0000563408
10	52.	YELLOW LEDBETTER	PA0000756318
10	53.	CAN'T DENY ME	PA0002114397
11	54.	MIND YOUR MANNERS	PA0001860408
10	55.	SIRENS	PA0001865642
12	56.	ALIVE	PA0000563413
13	57.	BLACK	PA0000563412
	58.	EVEN FLOW	PA0000544552
14	59.	AM I SAVAGE?	PA0002072154
15	60.	ATLAS, RISE!	PA0002071962
13	61.	BATTERY	PA0000290088
16	62.	HARDWIRED	PA0002042603
	63.	HARVESTER OF SORROW	PA0000384985
17	64.	HIT THE LIGHTS	PA0000309504
18	65.	HOLIER THAN THOU	PA0000537294
10	66.	MOTH INTO FLAME	PA0002071965
19	67.	NO LEAF CLOVER	PA0000996438
20	68.	NOTHING ELSE MATTERS	PA0000537299
20	69.	NOW THAT WE'RE DEAD	PA0002071964
21	70.	ONE	PA0000384983
	71.	SAD BUT TRUE	PA0000537293 PA0000309512
22	72.	SEEK & DESTROY	PA0000309312 PA0002072339
23	73. 74.	SPIT OUT THE BONE WHEREVER I MAY ROAM	PA0002072339 PA0000537296
23	74. 75.	WHIPLASH	PA0000337290 PA0000309509
24	76.	JUMP IN THE FIRE	PA0000309309
	77.	DISPOSABLE HEROES	PA0000309307 PA0000290084
25	78.	ENTER SANDMAN	PA0000290084 PA0000537292
26	79.	ESCAPE ESCAPE	PA0000337292 PA0000260103
	80.	FUEL	PA0000879637
27	81.	HERO OF THE DAY	PA0001589182
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2	83.	OF WOLF AND MAN	PA0000537300
3	84.	THE MEMORY REMAINS	PA0000879638
	85.	THE THING THAT SHOULD NOT BE	PA0000290086
4	86.	THE UNFORGIVEN	PA0000537295
5	87.	THROUGH THE NEVER	PA0000537298
5	88.	TRAPPED UNDER ICE	PA0000260102
6	89.	WELCOME HOME (SANITARIUM)	PA0000290085
_	90.	BREAK IT UP	PA0000111560
7	91.	FEELS LIKE THE FIRST TIME	PAu000161350
8	92.	I DON'T WANT TO LIVE W/O YOU	PA0000349891
8	93.	I WANT TO KNOW WHAT LOVE IS	PA0000233586
9	94.	URGENT	PA0000111563
1.0	95.	FACE THE FACE	PA0000271507
10	96.	LET MY LOVE OPEN THE DOOR	PAu000195123
11	97.	SLIT SKIRTS	PA0000148642
11	98.	ANOTHER TRICKY DAY	PAu000276742
12	99.	ATHENA	PA0000152025
1.0	100.	EMINENCE FRONT	PA0000152030
13	101.	SLIP KID	EU0000626826
14	102.	SQUEEZE BOX	EU0000626830
17	103.	WHO ARE YOU	PA0000038596
15	104.	YOU BETTER YOU BET	PAu000276746
1.0	105.	YOU REALLY GOT A HOLD ON ME	EU0000746652
16	106.	WHO'S LOVING YOU	EU0000638752
17	107.	LAUGHING BOY	EP0000172741
	108.	MY GUY	EU0000818026
18	109.	THE ONE WHO REALLY LOVES YOU	EU0000706593
10	110.	TWO LOVERS	EU0000744333
19	111.	MICKEY'S MONKEY	EU0000781471
20	112.	BABY THATS BACKATCHA	EP0000335871
	113.	BEING WITH YOU	PA0000112943
21	114.	THE AGONY AND THE ECSTASY	EP0000335869
22	115.	I'VE BEEN GOOD TO YOU	EU0000699498
	116.	MORE LOVE	EP0000231124
23	117.	AUTOMATICALLY SUNSHINE	EP0000298785
	118.	FLOY JOY	EP0000294057
24	119.	GET READY	EP0000212745
25	120.	I WANT A LOVE I CAN SEE	PA0000371365
23	121.	YOU'LL LOSE A PRECIOUS LOVE	EP0000198595
26	122.	I DON'T BLAME YOU AT ALL	EP0000291287
<u> </u>	123.	ABRACADABRA	PA0000142113
27	124.	FLY LIKE AN EAGLE	EU0000671181
28	125.	LIVING IN THE USA	EU0000076235
	126.	ROCK'N ME	EP361643

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127.	TAKE THE MONEY AND RUN	EU0000671184
128.	SPACE INTRO.	EU0000679837
129.	HOT IN THE CITY	PA0000159639
130.	WHITE WEDDING	PA0000159638